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SUBJECT: ISRAELI NOTE VERBAL TO SECRETARY GENERAL ON HIS

TRIP TO DAMASCUS

ISRAELI MISSION HAS GIVEN US TEXT OF NOTE VERBAL DELIVERED
BY ISRAELI PERMREP HERZOG TO SYG MAY 24, WHICH SUMMARIZES
HERZOG'S RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH WALDHEIM REGARDING ISRAEL'S
OPPOSITION TO LINKING UNDOF EXTENSION TO ANY POLITICAL
CONSIONS. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS
PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND FURTHER TO THEIR MEETINGS ON
21 AND 24 MAY 1976 AND A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON 22

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MAY 1976 HAS THE HONOUR TO REITERATE FOR THE RECORD THE
FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS AGREEABLE TO THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF UNDOF FORCES IN THE GOLAN FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ISRAEL-SYRIA DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENT OF MAY 1974.

2. SUCH AGREEMENT IS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA WILL AGREE TO CARRY OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AFOREMENTIONED DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENT WITHOUT ANY FURTHER CONDITIONS WHATSOEVER.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL NOT ENTERTAIN THE LINKING OF AN AGREEMENT TO RENEW THE UNDOF MANDATE TO ANY POLITICAL CONDITIONS. ITS AGREEMENT TO THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE ASSUMES A SIMPLE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENT, WITHOUT ANY CONDITIONS WHATSOEVER BEING LINKED TO SUCH RENEWAL.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS EXPRESSED ITS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSED TRIP TO DAMASCUS WITHOUT HIS HAVING RECEIVED IN ADVANCE A CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL UNDERTAKING ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA TO HONOUR ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ISRAEL-SYRIA DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENT OF MAY 1974.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL NOTES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S UNDERTAKING NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA ON ITS OBLIGATION TO RENEW THE UNDOF MANDATE, AND NOT TO NEGOTIATE ANY CONDITIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA MIGHT PROPOSE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL'S VIEWS ON SYRIAN ATTEMPTS TO INDULGE IN POLITICAL BLACKMAIL IN VIOLATION OF ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS ENTERED INTO FREELY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ISRAEL SYRIA DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE CLEAR ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. IGNORING THESE VIEWS AT THIS STAGE COULD PREJUDICE THE PROSPECTS OF THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF UNDOF.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL SEES NO REASON FOR AN EXCHANGE OF
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LETTERS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE PRESIDENT OF SYRIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF UNDOF SHOULD SUCH LETTERS INCLUDE CONDITIONS OF AN IRRELEVANT NATURE WHICH MAY BE INTERPRETED AS BEING LINKED TO THE DECISION TO RENEW THE MANDATE WHETHER ON THE PART OF THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT OR OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

IN SHORT, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS OF THE OPINION THAT AGREEMENT TO THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF UNDOF IS AN OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF THE PARTIES, SIGNATORIES TO THE

ISRAEL SYRIA DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENT, WHICH CAN AND SHOULD BE HONOURED BY THEM IN FURTHERANCE OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS WITHOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF IRRELEVANT ELEMENTS.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS AVAILS HIMSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF HIS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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